

## GIRL WHO WAS SHOT WON'T TELL BUT IS BELIEVED TO BE DELIA W. LYTTEL OF ELMIRA.

From the Hospital She Sends Three Notes to Her Mother, Asking Him to Come to Her Help—Who She Has Been Dealing With Much Calm to Dismiss.

There is not much doubt in Paterson, N. J., that "Mary Hall of Syracuse," who was shot near Riverside Drive and 118th street on Friday night, is Delia W. Lyttel of Elmira, who has been living in Paterson some three months.

In Paterson she called herself Violet Johnson. She left Paterson on Wednesday, saying that she was going to Syracuse to try and effect a reconciliation with her husband. That morning "Mary Hall of Syracuse" registered at the Vendome here. Delia W. Lyttel is about 5 feet 4, weighs 110 pounds and wears a ring with the initials "D. W. L." as the prisoner does.

She wrote three notes yesterday to Kid McCoy, the ex-pugilist, addressing him as Raymond Selby instead of Norman Selby. The first note sent from the New York Hotel at Broadway and Fort-street, in which he is interested, and the manager, being unable to find McCoy, brought back the letter unopened. Then the police got it. It reads as follows:

FRIEND KID: Can I ask you to do a favor for me? Will you come down at the hospital, as I need someone to be a friend, Kid, I have had very bad luck. I will go crazy if I do not see you as soon as you can. They have not probed for the bullet yet. Ask for Miss Hall. West Fifteenth street, New York Hospital.

After she was transferred to Bellevue a prisoner she wrote a second note to McCoy, which was returned to her unopened with the message that McCoy was out of town. This note was as follows:

DEAR KID: I am held as a prisoner at Bellevue Hospital, I mean the prison at Bellevue. Will you come to see me, as I am in need of a friend? The bullet is still in me. They have not probed for it yet. Kid, do come to me as I will go crazy if I do not see you. I was in the New York Hospital when they took me as a prisoner to Bellevue. P. S. Ask for pass for ward 34.

Miss V. HALL.

Detective Wren of West 100th street had learned that the notes were sent to McCoy and went looking for the fugitive. He was informed at the saloon that the Kid might be found at Salato. Wren went to Bellevue then and had another talk with Miss Hall. He asked her to let him see the notes she had written to McCoy. The young woman produced them.

"Is McCoy a friend of yours?" asked Wren.

"Maybe he is and maybe he isn't," replied the young woman. "You can tell your friends when you get into trouble."

"When did you see him last?" Wren asked.

"Couple of days ago," was the reply.

Then Wren produced the revolver that was found in the grass. He showed it to Miss Hall and asked if that was the weapon that shot her. She said she did not know. Then she noticed a dried spot of blood on the revolver and she wanted to know where the blood came from. Wren talked to her a long time, but when he left her he was none the wiser.

Before the detective departed she wrote a third note to McCoy and turned it over to Wren to deliver. McCoy can have it by visiting the West 100th street station. This note read:

DEAR KID: Will you come down to Bellevue prison, as I am in trouble and need a friend.

MISS V. HALL.

Coroner Schoer is of the opinion that she is telling the truth when she says that she was shot by a young man. The police were inclined to believe her when she attempted suicide, and when she was removed to Bellevue Hospital last night she was made a prisoner on that charge. That was only done, however, for the purpose of holding her in the hospital until a thorough investigation can be made.

It was learned yesterday that the girl has been living at the Hotel Vendome off and on for a couple of months. The hotel people say that they know very little about her. She has always registered as "Miss Hall." Yet she wore a ring with the initials "D. W. L." She also had the return half of an excursion ticket from Paterson. The detectives decided that her home was the New Jersey town of troubles and not Syracuse.

For a brief moment the girl showed a disposition to help the detectives in solving her identity. That was when they asked her about the initials "D. W. L." on the ring. Well, I'll tell you, she said with the least air of a secret, "My name is not Mary Hall. The initials stand for my name."

The detectives felt that she was about to tell them more and waited. She waited, too. Coaxingly they asked her to fill out the initials. A smile and a shake of the head. Wouldn't she tell them if her home was in Paterson? No, she wouldn't say that it was or it wasn't.

The girl doesn't seem to be much over 15 years old, and is quite good looking. She also has a mild, sweet, and calm, and the cross-examination very calmly. She first said that she had shot herself and she stuck to that story for some time. Then she said a "gentleman friend" had shot her. He was about 25 years old, handsome and a well-dressed. "I will never betray him," she added dramatically.

The detectives told her of all the dreadful things that would happen to her. She would be arrested for attempting to kill herself and she might die. "Then you would go to potter's field," said one of them.

"Way did he shoot you?" asked one of them.

"Find him and find out," she replied.

"Now, as a matter of fact, didn't you try to kill yourself because he refused to marry you?" said the other sternly.

"Forget the suicide," she replied with a laugh. "I'm too young, happy and healthy to want to die."

There isn't any danger of the girl dying. Two bullets were fired at her. They were .22 caliber, 22 caliber. One of them struck her above the right hip and glanced off. The other pierced the right breast toward the shoulder. That bullet hasn't been removed.

The revolver was picked up a few feet away from where the girl was found. When Coroner Schoer showed it to her yesterday she gazed at it and said: "Why, doesn't it look ugly?"

"It is the type of revolver a woman would use," John Thompson, assistant chief of the police, said.

## TRAIN HITS J. N. ROBINS' AUTO

OWNER HURLED INTO A FIELD AND BADLY INJURED.

Was About to Cross Railroad Track at Poughkeepsie on a Curved Road—While Family Called to His Bedside—Victim Is Connected With Erie Basin.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Aug. 12.—A big touring car, traveling at high speed, was struck by a train on the Poughkeepsie and Eastern Railroad at a crossing near Pleasant Valley shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon. The pilot of the engine collided with the rear wheel of the automobile, which was almost clear of the tracks.

J. N. Robins of the Erie Basin dry dock, Brooklyn, the owner, occupied the rear seat of the car, which was overturned. He was hurled thirty feet into a field. The chauffeur, named Sullivan, jumped and escaped injury.

Mr. Robins weighs 375 pounds. He was conscious when picked up and was assisted to the train and brought to the Nelson House, Poughkeepsie, where he was attended by Dr. James E. Sadler.

Five ribs on the left side were found to be broken and he was suffering from severe bruises and shock. His condition is serious.

Telegrams were sent to his wife and son at Pittsfield, Mass., calling them to come at once.

At the time of the collision Mr. Robins was on his way from New York to Pittsfield. He had got off the road near Wappinger's Falls and was going east on the Dutchess turnpike when the accident happened. There is a sharp curve in the railroad near the crossing and Mr. Robins said he did not see the trail until it was upon him.

The chauffeur turned the automobile parallel with the train in an effort to escape. The machine was turned around by the force of the collision and was found afterward facing the track in the direction opposite to that in which it had been traveling. Mr. Robins said his home was at the Hotel Majestic, New York.

Mr. Robins is an engineer by profession. He is the president of John N. Robins & Co., 18 Wall street, who repair upon the Erie Basin Dry Dock. Mr. Robins is also a director of the Battery Park National Bank.

**PETITION FOR 75 CENT GAS**

Signed by 100 Consumers in This City and Sent to the State Commission.

State Senator Alfred R. Page, who was a member of the Stevens gas investigating committee, has sent a complaint to the State Gas Commission signed by more than 100 citizens, who maintain that the price charged for gas in this city is exorbitant, unjust and unreasonable. The signers of the complaint ask for an investigation.

"We are going to reduce the price of gas in New York to 75 cents," said Senator Page. "The State commission will be forced to act, inasmuch as it is stipulated that action must be taken upon formal complaint of 100 citizens. The complaint which I have forwarded to the chairman of the commission contains that many names. This time I hope that the matter will be settled and that New York people will no longer be obliged to pay unreasonable prices for gas."

Copies of the complaint will be served on the Consolidated Gas Company and the State Gas Commission will set a date for a hearing. The Commission can regulate the price of gas.

**LINER CUT A WHALE IN TWO.**

It Was the Whale's Fault, Reports the Graceland Captain.

Capt. von Leitner of the Hamburg-American liner Graceland, which sailed hence for the West Indies on July 26, has written a letter to his agents here telling of the ship's collision with a whale when two days out. It was dusk when the skipper sighted a big black object that looked like a capsize derelict dead ahead.

He changed his course to avoid the object, but surprised him by also changing its course. He ran into it plump amidships. The shock of hitting the whale was followed by two others, caused by the separated halves of the whale drifting against the propeller blades.

The skipper writes that the "sea for a distance of two ship's lengths in diameter was dyed red; one large portion of the dead whale was seen floating in the center of the crimson waters. Three other whales which were unharmed were near the spot. Examination showed the engines were all right and the steamship proceeded twenty minutes later."

**WENT UP WITH THE BUCKET.**

Italian Laborer Suspended Aloft by the Coattails.

Joseph Morante, a laborer in the hole where the New York Central station is being built, had an unpleasant fifteen minutes yesterday afternoon when his coat got caught in the busines of a hoisting machine. He was lifted thirty feet in the air before the engineer discovered his plight. Then the brakes were set so hard that it took almost fifteen minutes to loosen them. Morante talked Italian when he was aloft, and the police did not learn what the burden of his remarks was.

**THEIR CHILDREN DIED ABROAD.**

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Clarke Bringings the Bodies Back From Algeria.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Aug. 12.—The news was received in Mount Vernon to-day that Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Clarke who left here two months ago on a European tour, are on their way back home, bringing bodies of their two children who died suddenly in Algeria. Mr. Clarke is cashier of the Plaza National Bank of New York city. The children are Eugene Marcus, a boy aged 6, and a daughter Cecile, who was 4 years old. Relatives say that the deaths were due to spinal meningitis.

**SPEAKING OF ROCKEFELLER.**

La Follette Says the Oil Man Taught Rebates to the Railroad.

DIV. OF ILL., Aug. 12.—Talking in his shirt sleeves and without a collar, Gov. La Follette of Wisconsin addressed 5,000 people at the Rock River Assembly to-day.

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## PEOPLE FIRE ON COSSACKS.

Socialists Resist Troops at a Mass Meeting—Many Arrests.

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WARSAW, Aug. 12.—Two thousand Socialists from Lodz and other places held a mass meeting in a wood near Lask to-day. Cossacks surrounded the wood, and the Socialists opened fire on them with revolvers. The Cossacks fired a volley, killing two Socialists and wounding eighteen.

The crowd was dispersed, and 400 persons were arrested and imprisoned at Lask. During yesterday and to-day over 1,000 revolutionists have been arrested in Warsaw.

**ROOSEVELT TRAIN THREAT.**

No Attempt to Make Good Letter Sent to the Paterson Police.

Threats to blow up the Erie Railroad tracks at Ridgewood while President Roosevelt's train was on its way to Jersey City were made in an unsigned letter received by the Paterson police late Friday night.

"It is not our purpose to kill the President," the letter said, "but somebody on that train will get hurt."

The Paterson police turned the letter over to the Erie Railroad detectives, who, together with the police of Rutherford, kept close watch, but detected no attempt to carry out the threat contained in the letter.

**RIG TIM SPENDS \$30,000.**

Congressman's Last Week in London Said to Have Been Costly.

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LONDON, Aug. 12.—Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan sailed for New York to-day on the Campania. He said he was delighted with his trip and expressed the intention of returning next year. At the earliest possible moment after his return to New York he intends to resign his seat in Congress and become a candidate for the State Senate, where he feels that he will be more at home than in Congress.

Mr. Sullivan's expenditures this week, in presents, touches and at the races, exceeded \$30,000.

**LIEUT. ESTY'S WIFE SUES.**

Accuses Astor Battery Man of Misconduct in the Philippines.

Second Lieut. Thomas Bruce Esty of the Ninth Cavalry, U. S. A., is the defendant in a suit for divorce instituted here by Ann Blair Esty to whom he was married ten years ago. Esty was a member of the John Jacob Astor Battery in the Spanish-American War, and it was on information received concerning his conduct in the Philippines that Mrs. Esty based her divorce action. Arthur P. Massey has been named as referee, and his report is expected shortly. Lieut. Esty was recently stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

**A DUEL IN MISSISSIPPI.**

Relative of Senator McLaughlin Dead; Postmaster Morn Dying.

MOBILE, Ala., Aug. 12.—Charles McLaughlin, a relative of Senator McLaughlin, is dead at Fanning, Miss., and Ernest Morn, the postmaster, is barely alive as the result of a duel last night. Bad blood existed between the two men over the postmaster's office of the town. The duel was fought with a Winchester and a revolver. The men fired several times at each other, each being badly wounded in the abdomen.

**DROWNED BY THE UNDERWIND.**

Lad Who Tried to Save His Friend Lay in a Pail on a Rock Near Oak Point.

Frank Finney, 17 years old, of 38 St. Felix street, Brooklyn, was drowned yesterday afternoon while swimming in the Sound off Oak Point. In the water with Finney was his friend Elmer J. Conlon of 911 Eagle avenue, The Bronx.

Finney was caught in an undertow and Conlon started to his aid. Conlon dived and caught the drowning boy, but the struggle was too much for him and when he succeeded in breaking away he just had strength enough to reach a small rock jutting out of the water nearby and crawled up on it. Then he lost consciousness.

There were a dozen persons on the shore, but none of them dared swim out to the rock. A boat finally put out and brought the unconscious youth to shore.

**W. O. MAY ASK FEDERAL AID.**

Protection to Telegraph Operators Only Thing Needed to Break Strike.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 12.—It is learned here that negotiations are pending between the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Federal Government to put troops about the telegraph stations in Montana, where it is reported the striking telegraphers of the North Pacific and Great Northern roads had interrupted the telegraph lines by cutting wires.

If this is done communication in that country will be restored and the operators will be able to return to work with comparative safety. In the isolated stations in the West, especially in mining towns, where the union is strong, an operator who fills a striker's place takes his life in his hands.

**MT. WHITNEY'S HEIGHT.**

It's 14,502 Feet, 20 Less Than It Was Credited With.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The party of United States Geological Survey men, under Topographer H. A. Farmer, which has been running a line of levels to the summit of Mount Whitney, has completed its work and found the true height of the mountain to be 14,502 feet.

While this shows Mount Whitney to be the highest measured mountain in the United States, it makes the true height twenty feet less than the figure that has generally been accepted and thirteen feet less than that indicated by barometrical readings.

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Their Interest Turned to Get Some Sort of National Assembly—The Czar's Terms.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 12.—Although Russian are a bit puzzled by allusions in telegrams from the United States to the possibility of peace despite the knowledge of the Japanese terms the whole question is rapidly disappearing from public consideration as an episode which has already been considered and closed and